

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**



Inspector General

May 22, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 221  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation concerning District employee John Walter Sliva, Labor Economist for the District Department of Employment Services (DOES), who retired in lieu of termination for conspiring to commit immigration fraud in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia during the period of April 2001 until May 2005.

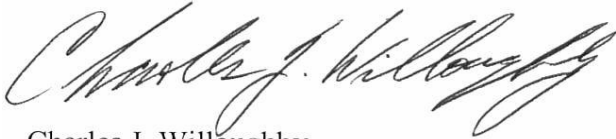
This investigation revealed Sliva outlined a criminal scheme in which he assisted Sergei Danilov and Associates, LLC (Danilov Firm) and the Law Office of I. Jay Fredman, P.C. (Fredman) in preparing and submitting more than 100 Applications for Alien Employment Certification and/or Immigrant Petitions for Alien Workers that contained material misrepresentations. The false statements concerned purported offers of employment, the work experience of many of the alien applicants, as well as forged signatures of several sponsoring employers who purportedly agreed to hire the aliens. A review of labor certifications filed with DOES by Danilov and Fredman revealed that it took an exceptionally short amount of time for many of those submissions to be approved. Submissions to DOES usually receive a final certification 2 or more years after the filing date; however, many of Danilov's filings were certified much faster. At Danilov's request, Sliva would personally review the adequacy of those filings and then either process them out-of-turn or fraudulently backdate them. In return for this preferential treatment, Danilov would provide Sliva dinners and give him gifts (e.g., hockey tickets, a watch, clothing, a Mont Blanc pen, and a wallet containing \$100 cash).

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On February 23, 2006, Sliva pled guilty in a Maryland federal court to conspiring to commit immigration fraud in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia during the period of April 2001 until May 2005, and he signed a Plea Agreement with the government. On May 5, 2006, Sliva was sentenced in a Maryland federal court to 3 years federal probation and six months home confinement with electronic monitoring by the United States Marshals Service, and received a \$2,000 fine.

If you need additional information, please call me on (202) 727-2540 or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector for Investigations, on (202) 727-2995. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2004-0336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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